

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants : Masahiro KAWAKAMI et al.  
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**CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE DISCUSSION  
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CONCERNING RESETTING THE TERM FOR RESPONSE  
TO THE OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 17, 2003**

S I R :

This is to confirm the telephone discussion on even date  
herewith between the Examiner and the undersigned concerning the  
Office Action mailed November 17, 2003 (Paper No. 13) in the  
above-identified application, wherein a one-month term for  
response was set to expire on December 17, 2003.

During the November 19, 2003 telephone discussion between  
the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner stated that he  
would attend to changing the term for response to the Office  
Action from one month to three months.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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